

HAVE THEIR EYES ON MANY NEW STEAMERS

Ferryman Expect to Obtain
a Boat Next Week

TO RAISE THE COLUMBIA

Owners Will Save the Vessel If Possi-
ble—Negotiations in Prog-
ress.

It was announced last night that a new ferryboat would probably be obtained for service between Washington and Alexandria by the latter part of this week.

Negotiations were begun yesterday with parties in Philadelphia which may end in the charter of a suitable vessel. In the meantime Capt. E. S. Randall will give all the relief he can to the merchants and others by having his steamers make trips daily between the cities. These trips were begun yesterday morning.

Negotiations Begun.

The recently incorporated Washington and Alexandria Steam Ferryboat Company also began negotiations yesterday which may end in the company chartering a boat for the service temporarily. The new boats planned cannot be constructed in less than six months.

John Callahan, Levi Woodbury, Clarence F. Norment, and Daniel Frazier, the incorporators of the company, met Friday night and discussed the matter. Mr. Callahan announced yesterday that he is endeavoring to charter a vessel and that he may obtain one in a few days.

Will Raise Columbia.

Bert G. Faulhaber, who represents the owners of the sunken Columbia, says that the vessel will be raised, and if it is found that her hull has not been injured she will be rebuilt.

The Estelle Randall, which is to make most of the trips to Alexandria, will leave that place at 6:30 every morning hereafter instead of an hour later, to accommodate the workmen at the navy yard. Three round trips are to be made daily.

ELECT OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES.

The following officers and trustees of the Oriental Building Association, No. 6, were unanimously elected last night to serve for the ensuing year. President, Conrad Schwab; secretary, Charles Gerstorf; treasurer, Charles Schaefer; directors, Louis Behrens, Albert Schultes, John Ockershausen, Gustav H. Schulte, Carl Haecke, Charles Specht, H. H. Bauman, Adolph Gasman, and H. J. Matern; trustees, Chapin Brown, and John W. Schaefer; attorney, J. W. Title and Guaranty Insurance Company.

TRIBE OF SPARROWS LOSING IN NUMBERS

Feathered Hoodlums Decimated by Hawks and
Other Robber Birds.

Observers of nature passing through the square and grounds of Washington are commenting upon the apparent increase in the number of native song birds and a corresponding decrease in the English sparrows. Instead of the incessant twittering of the sparrows, which was heard a few years ago, to the exclusion of all other bird sounds, there are now to be heard the chirpings or the songs of native birds, and these American trespassers upon the preserves of the English intruders may be seen flitting from tree to tree as if there were not a sparrow in Washington.

C. Hart Merriam, chief of the biological survey of the Agricultural Department, is a great friend and supporter of the American birds in their efforts to make headway against the sparrows. He was asked to explain the falling off in sparrow prestige, and replied:

"The decrease in sparrows and the increase in our birds is not as great as you might think. In recent years interest in ornithology, and in nature generally has made rapid advances.

More Notice Taken.

"People have read so much in the papers about different movements to protect birds, that they have learned to notice them more than ever before. Their more careful observation causes them to see birds to which they formerly paid no attention, and they immediately come to the conclusion there are more birds, when, as a matter of fact, the birds were there all the time.

"I frequently have friends tell me with great earnestness they have seen in the Washington squares a brand new bird for this section. They become enthusiastic over the bird's plumage, and possibly its voice, and are convinced it is some wanderer from the South. As a rule I identify it at once as one of our common species, and the man with the new bird is somewhat crestfallen. Each of these stories is interesting to a lover of birds, for it shows that the relation has at last begun to appreciate the beauty of our songsters, and will be a friend to them in the future.

"That our birds are beginning to recover some of their ground lost to the sparrows is true. The day of the sparrow's undisputed supremacy is over and he will now have to fight to retain his place as cock of the walk.

"Nature ever preserves a balance, and whenever any beast, bird or fish becomes too powerful she provides some enemy to keep the powerful one in control. Sparrows have fallen victims to this immutable law. Fostered and protected at first they took advantage of their op-

portunities to assume a position from which it seemed they would never be deposed, but just at that time there arose forces which operated to check the growth of sparrow might and to place them in their normal niche in nature's economy.

"Man ceased to foster the sparrow. Where it had been a misdemeanor to shoot him a bounty was put on his head. Boxes were no longer provided for his nests, and the nests were ruthlessly destroyed wherever found. Little boys shot him with slings, older folks with guns, and poison was spread for him. The constant war of the human beings was in itself a serious blow to sparrow supremacy, but he might have held out longer had not feathered foes developed almost simultaneously.

"Hawks and other predaceous birds knew not the sparrow when he first arrived, and did not appreciate what an easy means he afforded of getting a meal. They had been accustomed to chasing individual American birds and working hard for a living. The sparrow was only chased incidentally and took his luck with the other varieties of hawk food. During the past few years the hawks have awakened to the fact that a living can be made off sparrows with little exertion. Sparrows are gregarious and gather in the branches of a tree in flocks, and it is no trouble for a hawk to swoop down into such a flock and benevolently assimilate a feathered meal.

"Once the natural bird enemies of the sparrow knew what an easy proposition he is for them, they began to push the snap to the limit, and the sparrow now has little peace. Hawks, kestrels and other predatory birds are to be seen in our parks in greater numbers than ever before, because they know that in these municipal breathing places they are always sure of finding a plentiful supply of sparrows.

Preyed on by Snakes.

"What is true of hawks also applies to snakes. The reptiles have learned the nesting habits of the sparrows, and in the country districts where snakes abound they are eating the eggs and young every year by the thousand.

"It is also probable that the native birds have somewhat lost their first fear of the sparrows and are now learning better to defend themselves when attacked; but this is uncertain, as the greater number of conflicts to be seen between our birds and the sparrows may be due to an increase in numbers of the native birds rather than to an increase of their intelligence."

Gettysburg and Pen Mar Excursion

On Decoration Day, May 30, via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, leaving Washington 8:20 a. m. Rate, \$2 for the round trip.

CUTTING OFF WATER FROM CAPITOL HILL

Official Report Setting Forth the Cause
of the Mishap.

An official report on the recent cutting off of the water supply from Capitol Hill and parts of Northeast Washington, has been sent to the District Commissioners. According to the report, the Water Department was engaged in making a connection between the 36-inch and 48-inch mains at the corner of Fourth and R Streets north-west. While engaged in this work it became necessary to cut off the water at New Hampshire Avenue and R Street. Owing to some obstruction in the valve at Fourth and R Streets, the flow was not stopped, and it became necessary to shut off the 48-inch main supplying Capitol Hill.

Capt. Chester Harding in forwarding the report to the Engineer Commissioner informed him that W. A. McFarland, Superintendent of the Water Department, was present on the ground, and directed the work from 9 o'clock Tuesday night to 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Foremen Fitzgerald, McGuire and Hurley and their men were engaged without rest for about twenty-four hours on the work.

Captain Harding said the accident to the valve referred to caused serious inconvenience to residents in the part of the city involved, but the period of keeping back the water was as short as possible under the circumstances.

CAVALRY BAND WILL GIVE CONCERT TODAY

The Second Cavalry Band will give the following program at Fort Myer, Va., at 3 o'clock this afternoon, under the leadership of Rudolph Berlioz:

March, "Captain Steele," Carleton Overture, "Murmuring of the Forests," "Land of the Midnight Sun," St. Clair Selection, "Mr. Pickwick," Kline Trombone solo, "The Wizard," Bach March, "A Girl in the Barracks," Thomas

SMOKE LAW NOT VIOLATED.

James T. Bell, of Twining City, will be informed by the District Commissioners that an investigation was made and the smokestack of the Tanner Bakery was found to be as required by law. Mr. Bell complained of the smoke issuing from this stack, and expressed the opinion that it was a violation of the smoke law. An inspector of the Health Department had the chimney under observation for several hours, and failed to see any smoke.

Every Hour on the Hour.

From the hour of 7 a. m. to the hour of 7 p. m. trains are operated between Washington and Baltimore via the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The equipment is first-class, too. Effective May 18.

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN ALEXANDRIA COUNTY

Bids for Columbia School House to Be
Invited.

Col. W. C. Shelly, who has lately purchased several tracts of land in Alexandria county, just west of Fort Meyer, is having them greatly beautified, and is erecting several handsome buildings.

A meeting of the Arlington district school board was held Thursday night, and the matter of the construction of the Columbia public school house was thoroughly discussed, and the location and plans and specifications were practically settled upon. The board then adjourned to meet at the Ballston school building on Wednesday, when it is understood advertisements asking bids for the building will be issued.

James E. Clements, as attorney for John W. Clark, has sold six and three-quarters acres of unimproved land near Cherrydale postoffice, in Alexandria county, to W. L. Rutherford, of New York, for \$1,250, and has also sold to Mrs. Caroline V. Reed and James Polard, of Washington, one and two lots, respectively, at Ballston for \$100 each.

It is understood that several land owners whose land has been condemned by the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company for their line of railroad to the Great Falls, will shortly file motions in court to revoke the condemnation proceedings, as no railroad has as yet been begun. The land owners do not appear to understand the cause of delay, and are desirous of putting their land in cultivation, if no railroad is to be built.

The new graded public school house at Glen Carlyn is about completed, and will be examined in a few days by the school authorities of the county, and, if found according to contract, will be accepted by the school board and furnished so as to be ready for use at the beginning of the school session next September.

The pupils of the Ballston public school have been presented with a handsome large United States flag by James E. Clements, which now floats over their building.

THE DEATH RECORD.

The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Office up to noon today:

Mary M. Hollingshead, 73 years. Stephen W. Parker, 66 years. John W. Ragan, 45 years. Mrs. Martha I. Shanks, 46 years. William Smith, 36 years. John H. Keyser, 27 years. Maggie Barnes, 20 years. George S. Hamlin, 12 days. Infant of Robert L. and Florence E. Smith, one day.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Every Saturday and Sunday, via B. & O.

R. R. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited, leaving Washington 3 and Baltimore 7:35 p. m.

THREE HUNDRED VOICES IN SACRED SONG SERVICE

A chorus of 300 voices, composed of pupils from the Armstrong Manual Training School, will render a service of sacred song at the Plymouth Congregational Church, Seventeenth and P Streets northwest, tomorrow at 7:45 p. m.

The work will be given under the direction of W. Staunton Wormley, choral director of the school, and includes numbers by Wagner and Faure, together with a few of those heart-melting Hampton and Tuskegee melodies which Dvorak has characterized as the only thing in music distinctly American.

The Hon. John P. Green, United States stamp agent, will deliver an address on "Culture in Hand and Mind Training."

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

John Burroughs, 44, and Martha Woodward, 22.

George S. Lane, 27, and Jessie C. Fowler, 26.

William H. Henderson, 27, and Alice Moore, 13.

George L. E. Tull, Pittsburg, Pa., and Mary E. O'Neill, 24, District of Columbia.

Frederick Butler, 28, and Mary Fisher, 27.

Ransal Bolderson, 23, and S. Millie Benson, 22; both of Northumberland county, Va.

Ambrose Moore, 31, and Annie Lane, 25.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Hourly Passenger Train Service Between Washington and Baltimore.

From New Jersey Avenue and C Street, "every hour on the hour" 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Returning from Baltimore in like manner.

FINDINGS APPROVED BY CONDEMNATION JURY

After receiving reports from the Engineer Department and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, the District Commissioners yesterday approved the findings of the jury of condemnation for the land in square 925. This square is bounded by D. E. Eighth and Ninth Streets southeast, and the land is intended for an additional site for a truck house. The award for the land to be taken with the building thereon was \$1,900. It was reported to the Commissioners that the owner of the land was satisfied with the award and would not appeal for a new jury as he had the right to do under the law. The land will now be conveyed to the District for the price named.

FERTILIZER COMPANY PROTESTS AGAINST FINE

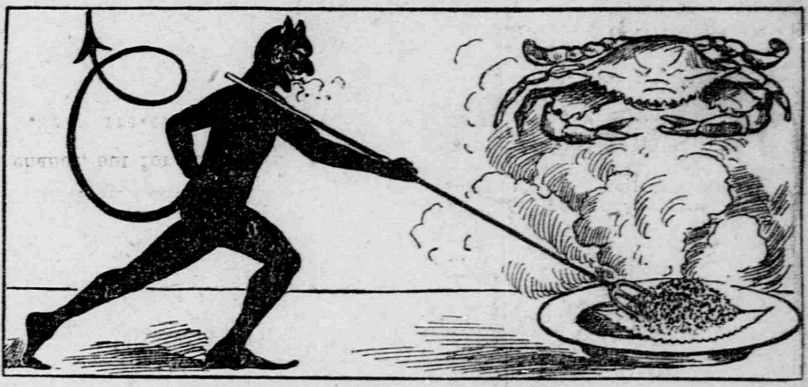
M. M. Parker, president of the Washington Fertilizer Company, has written to the District Commissioners with reference to the imposition of a fine upon the company for failure to carry out its contract. He urges the Commissioners to consider the facts, with reference to the failure of the District to carry out its part of the contract in not delivering all dead animals to the company.

Mr. Parker also asks to be reimbursed for the injury to the plant by the presence of foreign matter in the garbage which breaks and destroys the machinery.

The Commissioners have noted the communication for future consideration.

American Beauties, \$1.00 Doz. Up.

They are home-grown, in Gude's hothouses—fresh, fragrant, and fine. 1224 F.



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"THE BUSY CORNER"

Kimonos and Dressing Sacques.

These are styles for summer, specially priced.

Two style Kimonos, white and figured lawn at 48c

White India Linon Kimonos, front and sleeves trimmed with polka dot lawn at 75c

Kimonos of Polka Dot Lawn, figured dimity, white India linon; some quite plain; others trimmed with cuffs, piped with light blue or pink, at 98c

Dressing Sacques of white and figured material; tight fitting backs; round collar, finished with hemstitched ruffles at 75c

Dressing Sacques in black and white effects, trimmed with tucks and embroidery, lay-down collar, 98c

Kimonos and Dressing Sacques, second floor.

A Most Extraordinary Silk Opportunity.

49c Japanese Wash Silks, Corded, at 19c a yard

10,000 yards of it at less by a good deal than it cost to import. There were 4,000 pieces sold at auction. We got enough pieces to make 10,000 yards. Every retailer who happened to be in the market fought for a share, and thus it was that the 4,000 pieces were divided up among many dealers.

These Corded Japanese Wash Silks are of an exceptional quality. The lot contains a very great number of striped effects. The combinations of color are white stripes upon pink, ciel, lilac, old rose, black, maize, tan, russet, turquoise, and navy ground.

There are also many all white pieces. It is by far the biggest wash silk opportunity of the year.

WHITE DAMASK WAISTS, \$1.50 WORTH \$2.50, AT

The assortment of these waists is still quite complete, thanks to the maker who rushed a few extra dozen to us in anticipation of extraordinary Saturday business. But don't wait too long—there'll be only odd sizes left for Tuesday.

Made of imported damask, novel striped effects, made up in latest correct mode. The material alone is worth the price asked.

\$2.50 White Damask Waists at \$1.50

Drapery Stuffs.

Swiss Muslin Curtains, 9 feet long, especially priced for Monday, a pair, \$1.00

25c French Cretonne; light colors at 19c

25c Satin-face Striped Damask at 19c

Upholstery Department—3d Floor.

Sensational Pricing of 100,000 Yards WASH FABRICS.

4,000 Yards 75c This is Monday's greatest offering. Fantaise de Soie at 25c. This fancy De Soie is a half-silk fabric, showing corded lace stripes in braided effects. Between these stripes are Dresden designs in beautiful shaded effects. The grounds are all white and the designs in charming shades of blue, gray, pink, tawn, mottled pink, rose, and green.

We took over the last of an importer's stock at our own offer. After closing the deal, we saw upon the counters of New York's Choice tomorrow most exclusive retailer the same material from the same importer at 75c. yard.

7,000 YARDS SOFT-FINISHED PERCALE—Fresh clean goods, right from the maker, all white ground, with stripes and figures in the popular shades 94c A yard.

9,000 YARDS OF CORDED LAWN—White grounds with patterns in colors that will stand wash—74c Ing. 26 inches wide; a yard.

20,000 yards of Lawn, in every floral design imaginable, and including every shade known to the printer's art, a light but strong fabric. Regularly sold 6c to 10c yard, at choice 5c

5,000 yards of Mercerized Madras and Tissue for shirt waist suits and traveling dresses. We have sold hundreds of pieces of the same kind this year at 25c a yard. Choice of this lot at 15c

2,300 YARDS OF FINE LUCERNE SWISS LAWNS—White grounds, upon which are raised cushion dots, and small floral designs in the shades of greatest popularity. It is a 26c fabric, with choice 17c from this lot at 15c

FIGURED DIMITIES—They usually sell at 18c a yard. The choicest patterns from domestic mills, a yard 64c

DOMESTICS Down to the Lowest Notch.

100 Dozen Bleached Pillow Cases; ironed and ready for use; size 45 by 36 inches; 10c tomorrow, 74c

175 Dozen Hemstitched Pillow Cases; ironed and ready for use; size 45 by 36 inch. One day's special at 124c

150 Dozen Bleached Sheets; hand-torn and ironed; 24 yards by 24 yards; also 24 by 24 yards. Our regular 70c Sheet; offered tomorrow at 59c

A job lot of Bleached Sheets; size 24 by 24 yards; some have 3-inch hems. Offered for a day at 49c

Blue-and-White Striped Ticking; extra heavy; one day 124c

Carriage Coverings; in checks, plaids, and stripes; the regular 124c quality. Offered for a day at 84c

First floor—Section M.

Save \$5.02 on One Dinner Set.

Monday only—14 Dinner Sets of fine Imperial China, with hand-worked flowers in spray and border effects; all gold traced. Offered tomorrow at this very large reduction.

These Sets consist of the following pieces:

12 Large Plates, 2 Covered Dishes
12 Cups, 1 Gravy Boat,
12 Butter Plates, 1 Tea Bowl,
1 Uncovered Dish 12 Soup Plates,
1 Sugar Bowl, 12 Fruit Saucers,
1 Covered Butter 2 Meat Dishes,
Dish, 1 Pickle Dish,
12 Small Plates, 1 Cream Jug,
12 Saucers.

Those interested should inquire at the advertised address. \$9.98

First floor—Section M. Monday only a yard.

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"THE BUSY CORNER"

40 Tailored Suits Tomorrow at \$7.98

This is an exceptionally good chance, but for forty women only.

They are suits that we could not buy in the regular way and sell for less than \$12.98 and \$15.

They are made of light-weight, seasonable fabrics, in tans, grays, and mode—all wool.

The styles are mostly blouse jackets, with peplums, stole front, full flared, kilted and strapped skirts.

The lot includes sizes for women and misses.

Instead of regular prices, tomorrow, choice of the lot at one price \$7.98

White Goods Specially Priced.

Imported Figured Pique; the quality that sells always at 25c yd. Offered special tomorrow at 124c

Imported Oxford Suiting; mercerized; figured patterns; always sells at 40c a yard. Tomorrow only 25c

47-inch French Lawn; sheer; one day, a yard 18c

Lace-striped Lawn; assorted styles. A 10c quality. Tomorrow, yd. 58c

68-inch French Organza; the quality that always sells at 50c a yard. Offered tomorrow at 33c

White Goods—First floor, section C.

Table Linens.

Fine Bleached Irish Satin Table Damask; 2 yards wide; exquisite new open-bordered patterns. The regular \$1 kind. Offered for a 75c day, yard, at 58c

21-inch Hemmed German Napkins; ready for use; \$1.25 values. 89c Special, a dozen.

Towels.

300 dozen Bleached Turkish Bath Towels; size 22 by 48 inch. Regular 20c values. Offered tomorrow at 124c

100 dozen Extra large Bleached Turkish Bath Towels; very heavy; size 25 by 62 inches. One day 25c only at 19c

Linens—First floor, Section M.